

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments above and the comments which follow.

As correctly noted in the Office Action Summary, claims 2-12, 14, 15, and 17-22 were pending. By the present response, claims 14 and 18 have been amended. Thus, upon entry of the present response, claims 2-12, 14, 15, and 17-22 remain pending and await further consideration on the merits.

Support for the foregoing amendments can be found, for example, in at least the following locations in the original disclosure: the specification, paragraph [0009].

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2-12, 14, 15, and 17-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 00/18583 to Trovinger et al. (hereafter "*WO '583*") and U.S. Patent No. 4,304,561 to Shingo (hereafter "*Shingo*") on the grounds set forth in paragraph 2 of the Official Action. For at least the reasons noted below, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicants appreciate the comments of the Examiner contained in paragraph 3 of the previous Official Action. By the present response, Applicants have amended independent claims 14 and 18 to more clearly define the relationship and the motion between the fold blade and the fold rollers.

Neither *WO '583* nor *Shingo* disclose, teach or suggest a relationship and motion between a fold blade and fold roller as presently claimed wherein the longitudinal axis of the fold blade moves from a first position vertically below an axis of the fold rollers to a second position vertically above the axis of the fold rollers (claim 14) or the major axis of the fold blade moves from a first position vertically below the major axes of the fold rollers to a second position vertically above the major axes of the fold rollers (claim 18). Rather, *WO '583* discloses a fold blade contacting a fold roller, and *Shingo*, is silent as to the use of a

fold roller with a fold blade and does not disclose moving a fold blade or a fold roller in the manner as presently claimed.

Based on the above noted distinctions, the combination of the disclosures in these references do not teach or suggest all of the claimed features of Applicants' claims and Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection. See MPEP §2143.

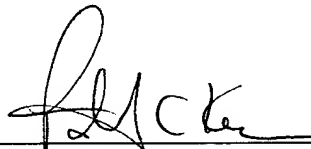
CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the instant application expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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